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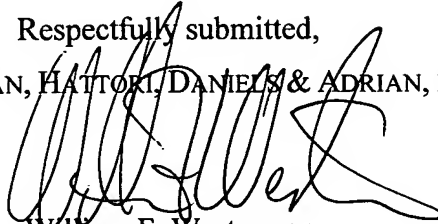
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### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		<b>62-125996</b>	<b>6/8/87</b>	<b>Japan</b>	<b>Yes-Abstract</b>
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### OTHER DOCUMENTS

		A part of a manual for Honda outboard motor BF115A/BF130A, pages 12-47 and 13-5, edited by Honda Giken Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha's Department of Maintenance Materials and published on May, 1998.
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